seasonal availability, etc. These factors vary from month-to-month and, therefore, it is not possible to predict the exact stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool at the end of the year. However, the stock position of rice and wheat as on 1.10.1995 is roughly estimated at 14.7 million tonnes and 18.7 million tonnes respectively.

(c) and (d) Apart from meeting the normal requirement of PDS, other welfare schemes etc. the FCI is continuing sale of wheat and rice at prices lower than its economic cost in the open market. FCI has also been authorised to sell wheat and rice (fine and superfine) to exporters at prices not less than the open sale rates for the purpose of export. Exporters are free to purchase wheat and rice from the open market or FCI and export it. The FCI has, however, no plans as such to give incentives to wheat exporters. Statutory charges on foodgrains are levied by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and the Central Government have been requesting the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned to reduce the statutory taxes to the minimum possible level.

Issue of Pass Books and Annual Statements to EPF Members

2072. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory on the part of employers to issue pass books to EPF subscribers and also to provide annual return statements; if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many cases were detected by PF authorities during the last three years wherein neither pass books were issued nor annual statements were given, year-wise figures;

(c) what action Government initiated against the defaulters;

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and rules made thereunder are strictly enforced in the country;

(e) how many defaulters were penalised under section 14B of the said Act during the last three years year-wise figures; and

(f) how many defaulters were arrested for fraud, default misappropriation and misuse of PF contributions details of each case and also action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Letters Sent by CISCE Mazdoor Sabha about PF to various Authorities

2073. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many letters were sent so far to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner / Central Provident Commissioner / Government by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations Mazdoor Sabha;

(b) what are the details regarding the date of each letter, the demand/appeal contained and also action taken in each case;

(c) whether the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner prepared a report in this regard; if so, date on which the report was prepared; and whether the same was given to the Council; if so, the date of despatch;

(d) whether the management of the Council has prepared and submitted the requisite documents; if so, the names of the documents and dates of submission of each document and also action taken thereon; and

(e) the names of employees and also the Provident Fund amount pending against each one of them as on date?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) During 1994-95, Seven representations were received by the CPFC and the Minister of Labour.

(b) A Statement showing the available information is annexed. (*See* below)

(c) A notice dated 14.2.94 was served on the establishment as required under Section 7-A. The Council has since paid the entire amount of EPF arrears.

(d) A statutory returns in Form No. 3-A, 6-A, 9-A etc. have been submitted to the RPFC, Delhi who is already taking necessary action for issue of account slips.

(e) According the EPF authorities, no amount of EPF arrears is outstanding against the establishment

Statement

S. No.	Date of Letter	Demand/Appeal	Action taken
1.	24.7.94	Appeal to the RPFC, Delhi, for being heard before passing an order under section of A of the EPF & MP Act, 1952.	The enquiry under section 7-A was completed on the basis of books and records. As such the Mazdoor Sabha was not called.
2.	24.8.94	-Do-	-Do-
3.	15.10.94	-Do-	-Do-
4.	8.8.94	Request to seal the records/premises for recovery of PF dues.	The RPFC, Delhi has taken note of these complaints and has finalised the enquiry under section 7-A.
5.	Date nil received on 12.12.94	Request for initiating penal action against the concerned officials for misuse of PF money.	
6.	18.2.95	Request for examining certain officials of the Council for alleged adjustment of the PF contributions.	The complaint has been verified by a squad of the EPF Organisation, but no substance has been noticed therein.
7.	25.8.94	Request to take penal action for violation of the EPF and MP Act, 1952.	Referred to the CPFC for necessary action.

Claims filed before the Regional Provident Fund Commission, Bombay

2074. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 5343 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Government have now the information of the details of claims filed before the regional provident fund Commissioner Bombay in respect of employees of Borroughs Welcome India Limited, Bombay;

(b) whether Government have taken any action thereof to give relief to the employees of the company; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?